

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for an Unnamed Tributary of Hurricane Branch. The Unnamed Tributary of Hurricane Branch was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for the General Standard (Benthic). The Unnamed Tributary of Hurricane Branch is located in Nottoway County and flows near Blackstone, Virginia. The impaired segment is 1.12 miles in length, beginning upstream at the Blackstone Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant discharge and continuing downstream to the mouth of the unnamed tributary at its confluence with Hurricane Branch.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of the Unnamed Tributary of Hurricane Branch TMDL will be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers of the Blackstone Town Office located at 100 West Elm Street in Blackstone, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on April 5, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the Unnamed Tributary of Hurricane Branch Benthic TMDL is available upon request or can be viewed on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Kelly J. Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120, fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail [kjwills@deq.state.va.us](mailto:kjwills@deq.state.va.us).